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## CCARC MEETING

By Chuck Myers, WAØZCS

The July 21st quarterly meeting of the CCARC was held at the Longmont Public Library.

It is planned that the new Colorado Ham Directory will be completed and ready for distribution by October. It was noted that there will be approximately 4045 entries, which will include call, license class, address, telephone numbers, nicknames, etc. Distribution and cost will be decided at a later date.

The Council is planning on printing approximately 20,000 QSL cards, if we can raise the money, to publicise the 1976 National Convention to be held at the Denver Hilton. It is planned to make the QSL cards and the Ham Directories available to all clubs at a nominal fee.

Be sure to attend the PPRAA September meeting for important information about the 1976 National Convention. See you at the Picr

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## PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Gene Bacon WØCNY

Let's not forget the annual picnic, Sunday, August 12th. The picnic will take the place of the regular monthly meeting. There is a map showing the location of the picnic area and more information elsewhere in this issue. Please try to come. Let's have a good turnout. The weatherman has promised to cooperate.

I was pleased with the turnout of members and visitors for our July meeting. It would be nice if a larger number would try to make the meetings, but I realize this is the time of year most of us are making vacation plans. For those planning a trip, have an enjoyable one and drive carefully.

I had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs at

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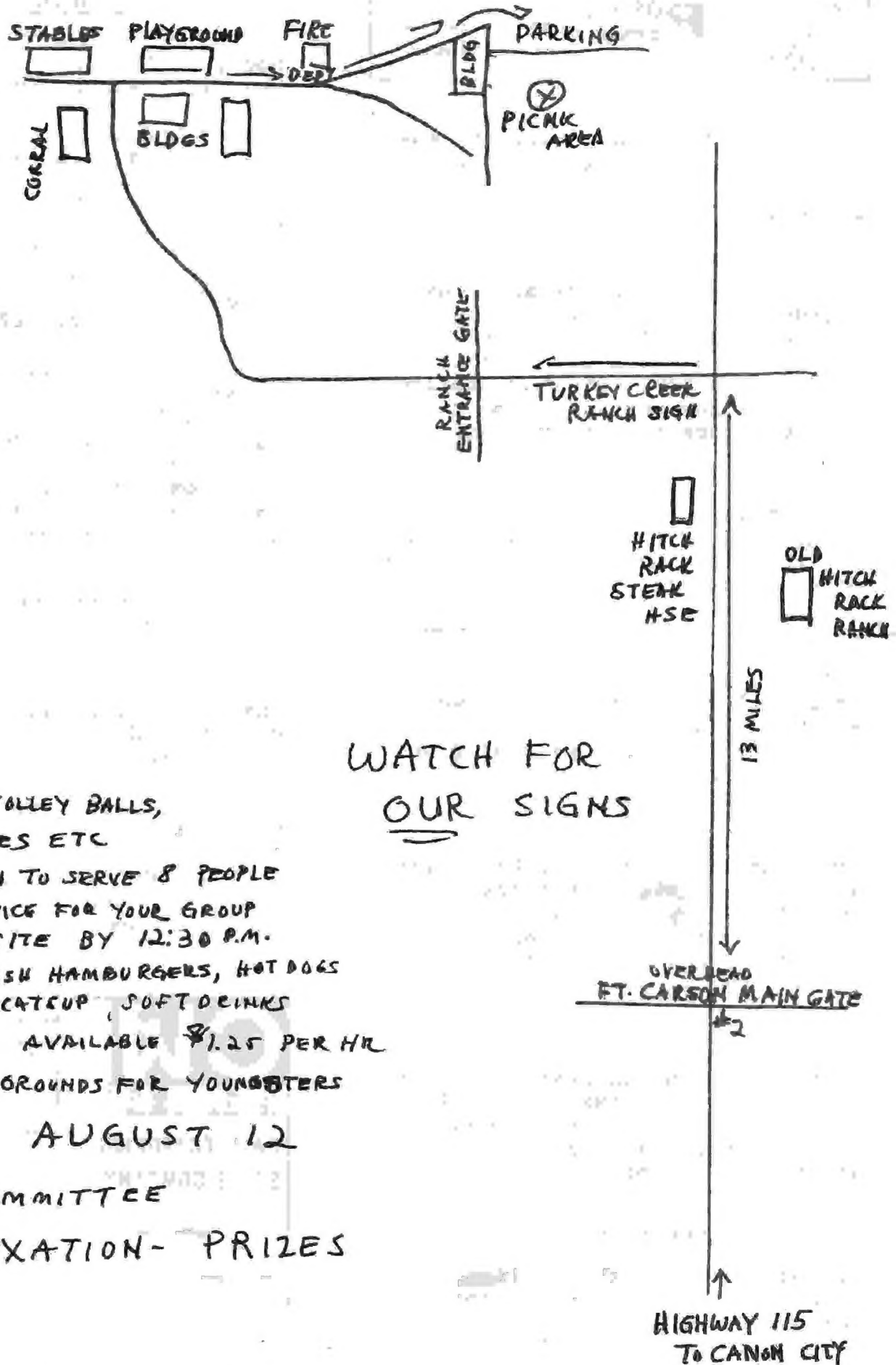
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### JULY MINUTES Irv Ebel, WØKWV

Meeting held on July 11, 1973 at the Security Savings and Loan Building, Platte and Union. President, Gene Bacon, WØCNY called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. ....Visitors were asked to introduce themselves. They were: WØGKF - WB5GEC - K7MPE - W9PSE - WA9KWS - and L4GJX. ....Mike Anderson, WNØEQM has passed his General Class examination. Congratulations! ....Minutes of the June meeting were approved as printed in ZERO BEAT. ....Secretary, Irv Ebel, WØKWV read letters from the ARRL relating to proposed CB operation in 220 MHZ. Any comments relating to proposed CB operation in 220 MHZ to be filed with the FCC by September 20th. ....Treasurers report given by Chuck Myers, WAØZ

and approved as read. ....A report was given by George Kowalski, WØGCH, co-chairman of Field Day operation. There were 349 phone contacts at the Black Forest location, as compared to 359 CW contacts. Mike Anderson, WNØEQM, in charge of the Novice Field Day operation reported that the Novice station worked New Zealand on 15 Meters. ....Chuck Myers announced that the CCARC meeting will be held July 21 at Longmont. He requested as many members as possible to attend this meeting, for good representation from the club. ....A report followed by Arleen Bacon, WNØGKN on the annual club picnic, to be held at a new location this year. The picnic is scheduled for 12:00

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The Novice Field Day activity was outstanding, the six operators very enthusiastic, and a good time was had by all

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Two large tents on the spacious rounds of the Quiggly home was the setting. With rigs for 40-80 and 15 there was a lot of activity ....tho the boys were busy making contacts they took the time to give visitors the grand tour.

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These Novices seemed to have everything under control and within a few hours had an impressive number of contacts, including a ZL.

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Although these Novices seemed to fair well on their own, are we as a Club doing an injustice by not welcoming them as a part of club Field Day???

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New Commer to the Club, Dan Quiggly received his ticket just before Field Day...WNØKWK. Also, Rose Ebel, XYL of Irv, WØKQV received her novice ticket recently, WNØKUK.

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Arlene, WNØGKN was featured in the local paper THE TIMES along with her picture. The article was about Arlene's success as a saleswoman and also spoke of her accomplishments in Amateur Radio.

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If you want your XYL to listen to what you say, talk to another woman.

GRID LEAK

JULY MINUTES - Continued


Noon, on August 12th at the Turkey Creek Ranch, Fort Carson. Bring a dish to pass, your own dishes and silverware. There are good facilities for games, etc.....Coffee break at 8:15 with drawings for prizes..... Mike Anderson further reported on activities of the novice Field Day operation. There were 81 contacts on 3 bands..... Mike Stansberry, WBØHCK gave a report on communications for the bicycle races.....The program scheduled for this evening was not available. President Gene Bacon called upon members for brief personal reports of experiences on the air. It was interesting and humorous.....Meeting as adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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NEW FCC EXAM QUESTIONS

The Commission has released a new set of study questions for the Novice and General Class licenses. These significant revisions are included in Bulletin SS 1035, for Novice Element 2, and Bulletin SS 1035c for General, Element 3 (which includes Conditional and Technician.) The new material is already in use in some areas.

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## ROUTE MANAGER'S CORNER

by Jim Claggett, KØOTH

Attention: All Rag-Chewers, DXers, VHFers, Contesters, Experimenters, Mobilers, and other NON-TRAFFIC operators.

Remember last year when your Uncle Fred called you on the phone and asked you if you could send a message to his wife (your Aunt Millie) who was visiting her sister in Oshkosh, Wisconsin? Remember that? Then you optimistically called "CQ Oshkosh" for three hours on 20 meters, a valiant effort that yielded nothing but frustration and futility. After that you switched to 75 meters and happened to tune across a Nebraska phone net in session, so you checked in and explained your story and finally got someone to write down the details. Then you uttered a sigh of relief, thinking you had done your duty, only to find out some weeks later that Aunt Millie never got the message, and that Uncle Fred wasn't much impressed with your ham radio. Sound familiar? If so, then please store this thought somewhere in the back of your mind, ready to recall when the occasion arises again: there is a SYSTEM for sending such messages, and it is run 365 days a year by hams with a special interest in message traffic handling. You need only to look in the Station Activities column of QST for your section to find out which stations are involved in traffic handling. Chances are that one or more of the calls will be familiar, so just call that guy on the phone and have him help you in starting your message. He'll be able to get your message to its destination a lot faster than you could by call "CQ Oshkosh."

I'm raising this subject because of several instances reported to me in the last few months wherein various hams with no interest or

understanding of traffic handling were called upon to perform traffic functions, and they only succeeded in embarrassing themselves and generating injurious public relations for ham radio.

Least I be accused of discouraging new interest in traffic handling, let me say that the situation I outlined in my first paragraph is a beautiful opportunity for a new-somer (or an old-timer, for that matter, too!) to get his "feet wet" in traffic handling, and the Radio Amateur's Operating Manual (or the less comprehensive Operating an Amateur Radio Station) will tell you how to get your message into the National Traffic System. My main focus of attention in this article is on the ham who devoutly abhors traffic handling, and my point is this: Give your message to a traffic-handler.

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### PRESIDENT'S NEWS - Continued

Longmont with Chuck Myers on July 21st. It was very interesting. I believe Chuck has a report on it in this issue.

I hope to see you all at the picnic!

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SILENT KEY - CECIL WOOD WØTV

By Rosemary Lewis, WAØMNL

Cecil Wood, WØTV, 3224 W. Pikes Peak Avenue, Colorado Springs, became a silent key June 20th at the age of 82 years. Cecil's XYL, Martha (a licensed operator) preceeded him in death by 6 weeks.

Cecil, a long time member of PPRAA, was very instrumental in getting Amateur Radio started in Colorado Springs after World War II. Since that time his activities have included getting Civil Defense communications started here, obtaining permission for mobile units to use Pikes Peak Highway for mobile tests, has been an Emergency Coordinator and was involved in communications for the Pikes Peak Hill Climb as well as SET.

In 1953 he played an important part in securing vehicle license call plates for Amateurs in Colorado, and through the years since the reestablishment of amateur radio after World War II, he has been mentioned in every radio amateur activity involving emergency communications provided by amateurs.

He held the post as Radio Officer for the Springs and El Paso County from the time that activity started until last year when ill health forced him to resign.

Cecil received his first ticket in 1910 from the Department of Commerce, under the U. S. Navy at that time. The call, W9TV was issued to him in 1916. He recently celebrated his 67 years in amateur radio. Cecil received the coveted ARRL P I C O N Award for his long record of public service in amateur radio in 1971.

Those of us who knew Cecil personally will feel the above is inadequate to tell what amateur radio meant to Cecil, and what Cecil meant to amateur radio.

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ASTRONAUT GOT FIRST START WITH  
HAM RADIO

Thirty some years ago Owen K. Garriott's father took him to a meeting of ham radio operators. That visit gave the boy an interest in science which was climaxed on July 29th with the longest space mission ever attempted.

Garriott will be the science pilot of Skylab 2, the 59-day mission aboard the nation's first orbiting science station.

"In a way, you can trace my interest in science to one suggestion from my father that we run off to a radio code class," says Garriott, a 42 year old scientist-astronaut and former Stanford University professor. "From that I developed enough interest in electronics to go into electrical engineering."

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220 MHZ CB?

The FCC has finally released their expected inquiry and rulemaking notice proposing a new Class E Citizens Radio Service in what is now the top 1 MHz of the 220-225 amateur band. (Docket 19759). Surprisingly, it is not the signed, sealed and delivered package expected. It seems to be more of a vague fishing expedition. They want comments on all aspects of use and enforcement if such a band is created. It is claimed that enforcement procedures would be established before the service would be permitted to begin.

One bomb is the suggestion (not by the FCC) that amateurs be permitted to operate in this band following CB rules! That one requires a lot of careful thought. Comments are due by September 20.

from RAMS NEWS VIA CCRC CIRCLE

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NEW ARRL REPEATER DIRECTORY

The new edition of the ARRL Repeater Directory, detailing 718 United States and Canadian repeaters, is now ready for distribution. To receive your copy unfolded by first class mail, send an addressed envelope larger than 6 by 9 inches with 24 cents United States postage. This membership service is available without charge from ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut, 06111.

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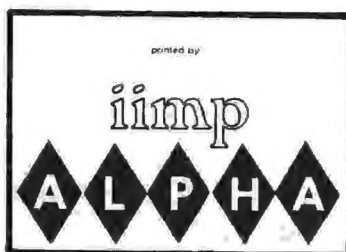
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